

EPA Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

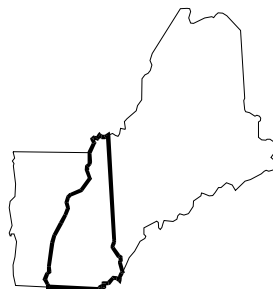
EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA awarded the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. New Hampshire was one of the first manufacturing centers in the nation, and many of its small towns developed around textile and manufacturing mills. A number of these mill and manufacturing sites were abandoned or underutilized as textile and manufacturing jobs left the state. A total of 467 non-National Priorities List (NPL) sites have been inventoried by the state and found to be contaminated with hazardous substances.

New Hampshire is composed primarily of small towns and cities, and only one city (Manchester) has a population greater than 100,000. Abandoned or underused industrial and commercial properties can have a significant impact on tax revenues and jobs in small municipalities, since their property tax bases are comparatively small. In small towns, the resolution of contamination issues surrounding an abandoned site that formerly housed even a small industrial facility can have a dramatic impact on the local community. Cleanup and redevelopment of these properties usually

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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Profile: The Pilot intends to fund three to five site assessment and cleanup planning efforts for New Hampshire's smaller towns in preparation for entry into the state's brownfields or voluntary cleanup programs.

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is hindered because of the uncertain environmental conditions and unclear liabilities associated with the contamination.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The state's objective is to create a brownfields cleanup and redevelopment partnership among federal, state, and local governments. The overall brownfields strategy is to address sites in an integrated manner by using a variety of resources to facilitate private sector-driven and-financed redevelopment. The state will use the supplemental assistance to resolve environmental issues through assessments and cleanup planning, provide integrated assistance with other brownfields programs, and assist with reuse planning at three to five additional brownfields in several New Hampshire municipalities.

To accomplish these objectives, the Pilot plans to:

- Select three to five brownfields sites for further investigation;
- Conduct environmental assessments at the targeted properties;
- Prepare cleanup plans with cost estimates for the targeted properties;
- Develop reuse plans for the targeted properties; and
- Coordinate assistance from other programs to ensure successful assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of the targeted properties.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.